

ILLINOIS HISTORIC SITES ADVISORY COUNCIL

Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library
112 N. 6th St.
Multipurpose Room

Friday, February 25, 2015

Presiding: Ted Karamanski, Chair

Council Members Present:

Ted Karamanski	Paul Kraemer
James Brown	Peter Bullock
Carla Bruni	Raymond Terry Tatum
Norman Moline	Douglas Kullen
David Hanser	Victoria Granacki
Janine Wilkosz	Katherine Hamilton Smith
Nora Pat Small	

Non-Voting Council Members Present:

Gary Stockton
Angela Goebel-Bains

Staff Members Present:

Andrew Heckenkamp	Catherine O'Connor
Amy Hathaway	Anthony Rubano
Rachel Leibowitz	Carol Dyson
Darius Bryjka	

Guests:

Frank Butterfield	Nicholas Kalogeresis
James Welt	Margaret Guzek
John Power	Steve Myers
Kevin Gill Cole	Ronald Ladley
Mr. and Mrs. Byron Welt	Chris Wills
William Furry	

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 1:25 PM

READING OF THE MINUTES

Minutes were approved as read. Roll was taken. Kapp was absent.

CHAIR REPORT

Chair Karamanski welcomed everyone to the Council meeting and went over the procedures for the day. Karamanski made the motion to make Nora Pat Small vice chair, Smith seconded. Passed Unanimously

STAFF REPORT

Leibowitz gave an overview of Preservation Services news and announced the retirement of Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Anne Haaker.

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LISTINGS

Clay County Courthouse (Louisville). Hathaway gave the presentation. The property is being considered under Criterion A for Politics/Government and Criterion C for Architecture. The period of significance is 1913 - 1965.

Small commented about the statement of significance. The courthouse shows high integrity, but the statement needs to be improved regarding the history. Hathaway recommended if the context for the property's history is a concern to nominate it only under Criterion C. Kullen asked whether courthouses automatically get approval. Hathaway responded that the nomination must address the property's significance. This nomination was modeled on Johnston County Courthouse. Small commented that there isn't an architectural context of the courthouse. Hathaway explained that nothing within the community compares to its architecture. Granacki would like to have the Shelbyville plan added to the history and recommended that the history was confusing and needs to be edited. Tatum asked whether the non-contributing objects be included in the count. Hathaway replied that in instances where there are many little resources (as in the Chicago Boulevards nomination) they do not need to be included in the count. All of the objects located on the courthouse square are non-contributing. Granacki noted the nomination was not clear regarding whether the windows were replacement or inserts and needed clarification. Hathaway explained that the double-sash windows were replaced in same configuration, whereas the ornate ones were covered with a protective covering. Leibowitz asked Small what she would like added to Criterion A. Hathaway responded that it will be impossible to add more and suggested that if the information is lacking to remove Criterion A. Small replied that the history needs a lot of work and would be happy to go forward with architecture. Granacki pointed out additional inconsistencies in the context. Hathaway explained that the nomination has been through many rewrites in 6 years, which is why she is recommending to go with Architecture, Criterion C. Granacki commented that if historical information is wrong, it needs to be taken out. Hathaway explained that the historical accounts are confusing in the actual source material. Hathaway would like to see it listed. Granacki asked if it was being nominated for architecture whether there should be more information on the architect. Hathaway said no – the property is being listed for its style and not for the architect. Karamanski asked for staff opinion. Hathaway said staff opinion was positive and thanked the council for the decision to nominate under architecture.

Motion to recommend was made by Small and seconded by Tatum. Motion carried.

Peck and Hills Furniture Company Warehouse (Chicago). Hathaway gave the presentation. The property is being considered under Criterion A for Commerce. The period of significance is 1905 - 1942.

Tatum recused himself from the meeting. Granacki was impressed with history of furniture industry in Chicago and wanted more information on the evolution of the construction of industrial buildings from timber frame to flat slab. Hathaway asked whether elaboration in Section 7 was sufficient or whether another Criterion (C) should be added. Granacki would like to see it in Section 7 and not delay the nomination. Granacki noted typographical errors that needed correcting. Wilkosz asked whether there were plans to rehabilitate the property; Hathaway responded probably. Granacki made the motion to nominate, Hanser seconded; motion passes unanimously.

Central Springfield Historic District, additional documentation and boundary increase (Springfield). Nicholas Kalogeresis gave the presentation. The property is being considered for local significance under Criterion A for Commerce and C for architecture; the period of significance is 1822 - 1965.

Bruni pointed out that First Methodist Church is outside the period of significance but was included as contributing. Heckenkamp indicated that the National Park Service allows for a 2-3 year leeway for properties that are integral parts of the district. Granacki noted inconsistencies in the document and wanted to know which buildings were from each boundary extension in the summary of the 79 buildings -- which were from what period of significance. Granacki also wanted the reasons for the boundary extension to be in the nomination. Heckenkamp mentioned the extensions on the color-coded map but added that it can be clarified. Granacki also requested that the nomination clarifies the difference between commercial high style and vernacular. Ron Ladley, Chair of Springfield Historic Sites Commission and Steve Myers, a commission member, spoke in favor of the nomination. Heckenkamp gave a positive staff opinion. Granacki asked since the period of significance is to 1965 and some of the skins [slipcovers] have come off on buildings on Monroe whether the nomination would prohibit more property owners from removing the skins. Heckenkamp answered no --that all depends upon the owner's wishes. Bullock motioned to nominate and Bruni seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Strawbridge Shepherd House (Sangamon County). James Welt gave the presentation. The house is being considered under Criterion C for Architecture. The period of significance is 1845 until 1885 to include the different architectural changes over time.

William Furry, Executive Director of the Illinois State Historical Society, spoke in favor of the nomination. Small believed there needed to be clarification regarding the architectural terminology in the nomination, particularly the description of the lean-to and the Prairie Window. Small also asked for clarification of what was restored and what was reconstructed. Heckenkamp explained he will work with Welt on any corrections. Small also asked about the statement of significance for social history and whether it should focus on architectural significance. Granacki asked for an explanation of a seven corner wing. Welt replied it referred to the seven rooms in the house. Tatum noted the Statement of Significance needed to include locally significant under Criterion C for architecture.

Granacki asked why 1885 was used for the period of significance. Carol Dyson clarified that the front porch that was added in the 20th century was removed. Heckenkamp gave a positive staff opinion and reiterated that he will work with Welt to clarify any questions regarding the nomination.

Smith motioned to approve, Small seconded. Motion passed.

Smith and Moline excused themselves.

Arcade Building (Riverside). Margaret Guzek gave the presentation. The property is being considered under Criterion A for Commerce. The period of significance is 1871 - 1964.

Karamanski asked within the context of a nationally significant district why the Arcade Building is being nominated as locally significant. Leibowitz interjected that not every building in a National Historic Landmark district will be nationally significant. Discussion ensued about national vs. local significance for the Arcade Building and why it was not being nominated for architectural significance. Andrew explained that the vote needed to be based on the nomination. Staff usually doesn't recommend nominating any building already listed on the register. Further discussion ensued. Motion was made to nominate the Arcade Building individually for its local significance by Bullock and seconded by Tatum. Motion passed.

NEXT MEETING

In Springfield, June 19, 2015

Meeting adjourned at 3:22 PM